

Assemblymember Christine Kehoe Brings You News from Sacramento

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Governor's proposed budget

This year's budget process has been especially difficult. I understand how hard it is for Governor Davis to make these tough decisions. Our budget shortfall is the result of an economic turndown, not overspending. In fact, spending under Governor Davis has actually grown less than under Republican administrations. I will carefully look at the Governor's proposal and do my best to support a budget that protects our school children and public education, particularly low performing schools. We will review his proposed budget over the next few weeks. In the Assembly, we're prepared to roll up our sleeves and do the job voters sent us here to do. For more information and a complete rundown of the budget you may go to the Governor's web site at www.governor.ca.gov or the site for the Department of Finance at www.dof.ca.gov.

Working for Kids

Kids' Turn is a private, non-profit organization that provides educational programs for children, adolescents, and parents going through separation or divorce. This program is funded by donations from private individuals and various foundations. In order to be sure the community is getting their money's worth, I've authored legislation to study how effective the program is. If enacted, AB 2263 will provide a court review of program curriculum, assess program effectiveness, and recommend guidelines for expansion projects. The Appropriations Committee passed AB 2263 earlier this week. You can access Kids' Turn web site at <http://www.kidsturn.org> for more information.

Growing Smart with San Diego

In order to streamline government decision-making and planning when it comes to issues of regional growth and transportation in San Diego, I've authored legislation to create the San Diego Regional Agency (AB2095). If passed, this 'Regional Plan' would improve the coordination of San Diego's 18 cities and consolidate transportation planning, programming and project development. This consolidation and coordination of planning would result in better commuter travel choices and enhance the opportunity for additional state and federal funding, while offering a 'big picture' perspective that includes all of San Diego's regions. This bill was passed by the Appropriations Committee on May 15 and still in progress. You can view the text of this legislation by <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov>.

Asian Pacific Islander Celebration – Balboa Park, May 25th & 26th

To celebrate Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) month, I will join other elected officials to present Resolutions and Proclamations at the APIA Heritage Festival at Balboa Park on May 25th. The Festival will include an array of international culinary delights, musical, dance, and vocal performances, martial arts demonstrations, as well as a Children's Pavilion. The Festival goes from 11a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and admission is free. For more information you may contact them at: *San Diego Alliance for Asian Pacific Islander Americans*, 7750 Dagget Road, Suite 207B, San Diego, CA 92111, (858) 565-6698 T (858) 565-0098 F, sd_alliance@sbcglobal.net, www.sdalliance.org.

Mobile Office in North Park – May 18th

Saturday, May 18th, I'm setting up "sidewalk offices" in North Park, from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. You'll find me at 4145 30th Ave (and Howard), in front of Vons Market. If you can't make it, please communicate with me via e-mail by going to my Assembly web site at www.assembly.ca.gov.

Free Publications Available in My Office

Available in my office are a variety of free brochures, including "Bicycle Safety", "Protecting your Privacy", "A Citizen's Guide to Participation", "Your Guide to Government Web sites", "How to Lobby the Legislature" and a "Senior Resource and Service Guide." Email me at Assemblymember.Kehoe@assembly.ca.gov to have some brochures sent to you.